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# Oval sponsors are standing by: Kelly

**Debate over making skating surface permanent continues ◗ Mayor suggests a way to offset operating expenses ◗ Ideas for summer usage include volleyball courts**

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▶ Mayor Peter Kelly tries out the Canada Games oval for the first time Thursday afternoon.

Mayor Peter Kelly said Thursday he has some ideas on how to pay for the annual operations of the Canada Games speedskating oval, were it to stay.

It would cost about $500,000 a year to run it once it was built to be permanent, he said. "How do we raise revenue? That ice pad you could put 100-plus decals on there from companies ... and there is also advertising opportunities on the fencing."

He said several companies have come forward to offer up money for advertising and one has offered $5,000 a year for five years.

It had been more than 25 years since Kelly last strapped on skates, but he tried out the oval for the first time Thursday.

Overall, his feet seemed to remember as he swerved around skaters during the afternoon public skate. ● JENNIFER TAPLIN

### Petition vs. petition

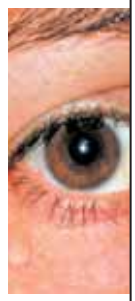
▶ A second oval petition has begun, but unlike savetheoval.ca, this one (petitiononline.com/HRM2011/petition.html) calls on the mayor and HRM council not to make the speedskating oval a permanent fixture on the Common.

Education

## Steele preaches patience

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## How tears can be a turnoff for men



Study looks at what chemical responses are triggered in a man when a woman cries {page 10}

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# School boards urged to be patient

Finance Minister Graham Steele said school boards will have to wait until this spring's budget for concrete funding figures.

Steele was responding Thursday to concerns raised by Strait Regional School Board Supt. Jack Beaton.

Beaton said his board needs to know how much funding it will be receiving if the province is asking to incorporate budget cuts in the coming fiscal year.

Beaton said the board has gone through with the province's request to come up with hypothetical funding cuts of 22 per cent over three years.

But Beaton said the board was growing concerned the Department of Education had yet to deliver an actual figure. Beaton also said he's brought those concerns forward to the deputy minister of education, but has yet to be given an indication as to when a decision will be made.

"We understand as well as they do what the timetable is," Steele said, referring also to the school boards. "There's lots to discuss and it is simply too early to be announcing budgetary figures from a budget that's not going to be delivered for another three months or so."

A spokesman for the Department of Education said school boards are typically given funding information on an embargoed basis about a week in advance of the budget.

"We're going to do our very best to see what kind of direction we can give the boards in as timely a fashion as possible," said Peter McLaughlin.

Irvine Carvery, chair of the Halifax Regional School Board, couldn't be reached for comment.

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▶ Graham Steele

# Weather damage totals $13M: Dexter

## Most recent destruction came in December from four storms that all took place on Mondays

Premier Darrell Dexter says the tally for storm damage in the province in recent months stands at $13 million and counting.

Dexter said Thursday his government will ask Ottawa for federal aid to help cover the costs. He said damage from heavy rainfall and flooding in November in southwestern Nova Scotia is estimated at $5.6 million.

About 200 millimetres of rain fell in some places from Nov. 4 to 10.

The initial estimate includes costs to repair damages to provincial and municipal infrastructure, including bridges and roads, and uninsurable damages to private property.

Costs for damages from August flash flooding in Meat Cove and November flooding in southwestern areas are estimated to total more than $13 million.

Dexter said damage assessments for the four storms in December are still coming in but will likely add millions more to the total.

"Nova Scotians have had their lives and livelihoods put on hold because of the damage from this extreme weather," Dexter said in a statement.

"They need help now to get their lives back to normal." THE CANADIAN PRESS

### Fishermen

▶ The premier said the province's fisheries minister will meet with his federal counterpart to discuss possible compensation for lobster fishermen for losses they incurred because of the storms.



▶ A man surveys the damage to the Kingsway Gardens retirement home in Windsor last month following a severe storm.

# More snowfall predicted

You'll want to have your snow shovels on standby this weekend.

Environment Canada is predicting that three different disturbances could bring a total of up to 20 centimetres of snow to the Halifax area by end of day Sunday.

Meteorologist Linda Libby said Thursday that overnight Friday we could see 5 cm of the white stuff, and then between 5 and 8 cm on Saturday, with the possibility of the snow being mixed with rain.

On Sunday more snow is in the forecast, with amounts ranging from 3 to 8 cm.

"It's not like it's one big system, more like a couple of smaller systems at this present time," said Libby, adding things could be a "bit sloppy."

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### Mild winter

▶ Not much snow has fallen in the Halifax area so far this winter. In December, for example, the area received 33.4 cm of snow, which was down from 55.5 cm in 2009.

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# Baton Rouge expanding to Halifax

A new restaurant is set to open this spring in the downtown core.

Canadian restaurant brand Baton Rouge confirmed Thursday it will be opening in the Morse's Tea Building on Hollis Street, marking the first time it has opened one of its restaurants east of Quebec.

Maxime St. Pierre, Shayan Safaei and Leo Salloum are the franchise owners.

Kevin Friesen, COO of Baton Rouge restaurants, said in a release Thursday they will honour the heritage of the Morse's Tea Building by serving Morse's Tea to customers.

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# Dexter calls for pension reform

## Premier says unanimity impossible Alberta fears pension expansion could slow economy

Nova Scotia's government is accusing Alberta of standing in the way of expanding the Canada Pension Plan, saying the western province is opposed to change because it is locked in by ideology.

Graham Steele, Nova Scotia's finance minister, was responding to comments made Wednesday by Canada's new junior finance minister, Ted Menzies, who said any move to help people save for retirement by enhancing the public pension plan is a long way off.

Steele said the Harper government is needlessly holding up the proposed expansion by insisting it must secure unanimous approval from the provinces. He said the law states Ottawa requires approval from only two thirds of the provinces representing two -thirds of the population.

Ottawa's stand has given Alberta an effective veto, he said.

Nova Scotia Premier Darrell Dexter said Ottawa's decision to reject expansion of the public pension is wrong-headed.

"Like so many national questions, if you wait to get unanimity then it's simply not going to happen," he said Thursday, adding that Ottawa should stick with the two-thirds amending formula. THE CANADIAN PRESS

### Canada Pension

- **The Canada Pension Plan** covers most Canadian employees. It is supported by premiums paid by employees and employers.
- **One third** of Canadian families lack any pension savings.
- **The federal government** has come under pressure to increase benefits because the global recession and resulting stock market fallout have taken a big chunk out of private retirement savings plans.

**Government.** Property




▶ The province announced yesterday it is selling the Joseph Howe Building in downtown Halifax for almost $15 million.

RYAN TAPLIN

# Joseph Howe building will be sold

**The government says Universal Realty Ltd. will pay $14,976,000 for the building with a commitment to the Department of Justice for a 10-year lease beginning Oct. 1, 2014. Infrastructure Renewal Minister Bill Estabrooks said yesterday the province has decided that selling the building is a better option than spending more money on renovations.**

# Convention centre funding still in question

It's a week until the signing deadline for the proposed convention centre and still no word from the federal government.

The province and HRM came to an agreement before Christmas and they are waiting for word if the federal government is going to pitch in.

NDP MP Peter Stoffer of Sackville-Eastern Shore said he hasn't heard anything about a decision yet and he thinks it will come down to the wire.

"Bear in mind, the federal government has to deal with two things: they have a massive deficit and a growing debt," he said.

"Plus Quebec City wants their arena, so if the federal government gives the money to the arena in Quebec then Halifax will say 'what about our convention centre?'" JENNIFER TAPLIN

RYAN TAPLIN/METRO



▶ The proposed site for the convention centre.

# Housing prices likely to rise

Average house prices are expected to climb by almost four per cent for Halifax in 2011, while sales are expected to remain the same.

This according to Royal LePage in a survey released yesterday. It predicts housing prices in Halifax will climb 3.8 per cent in 2011.

Matt Honsberger with Royal LePage Atlantic said in a release the Halifax housing market is well balanced and expects to see this trend to continue.

"As new units become available the resale market will have more competition and potential buyers will have more choice as inventory grows," he said.

In 2010, standard two-storey homes had the largest increase, rising 9.7 per cent to $291,000. Detached bungalows rose 7.5 per cent to $255,967 and standard condominiums increased 7.8 per cent to $180,000. METRO

# Radioactive canister found in parking lot

A small metal canister with radioactive content markings triggered an emergency response yesterday when it was found in a parking lot at an industrial mall in the Burnside Industrial Park

"It's a very small canister, about the size of a hockey puck, with markings on it that indicate it is a radioactive source," said Dave Meldrum, a spokesman for the Halifax regional fire department.

Meldrum said a hazardous materials team equipped with monitors was able to determine it was not emitting any radiation and did not pose a health threat.

The canister was found by a man parking his car in the lot at 95 Simmons Dr. THE CANADIAN PRESS

### Mystery

**It wasn't clear where the canister came from, but fire officials speculate it may have fallen off a truck.**

# Boy injured in fall through ice

A 13-year-old boy suffered non-life-threatening injuries after falling through the ice on First Lake on Thursday afternoon.

The CBC reports the boy was on the ice near the Sackville Sports Stadium with two others when he fell through.

A staff member at the Stadium who was alerted to what was going on rescued the boy from the water.

Paramedics were called and the victim was taken to the nearby Cobequid Health Centre. METRO

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# speedskating marathon

**Participant numbers are growing but spaces remain for all four races Oval has been a hit with skaters**

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The Canada Winter Games are speeding to Halifax, and local speedskaters can now get a taste of competitive action on the Halifax Common before it begins.

The Skate the Common Marathon, hosted by Marathon Skating International, the Dartmouth Speed Skating Club and HRM, is taking place this weekend and should draw over 200 participants.

It will start with a 5K and 10K race on Saturday morning, and then a 25K that afternoon and a 40K race on Sunday.

**Race start times**

**SATURDAY**
**9 a.m.: 5 km**
**10:30 a.m.: 10 km**
**2 p.m.: 25 km**

**SUNDAY**
**10 a.m.: 40 km**

The races will mark the first competitive events on the oval, which opened to skaters last month and will be a signature site for the Games in February.

"It's meant to be a fun community event," said marathon organizer Sheila McGinn. "We're just hoping a lot of people come out and experience the speed skating competition for the first time."

McGinn said the 5K and 10K races are meant to be an introductory to long distance speedskating for younger skaters or those new to skating.

The 25K and 40K are designed for experienced skaters or endurance athletes.

Anyone interesting in signing up can go to halifax.ca/skatehrm.

**Job.** Departures




▶ Around 30 people held a rally outside the Halifax Stanfield International Airport on Thursday.

RYAN TAPLIN/FOR METRO

## Airport job cuts a bitter sendoff

**The airport rally was to protest the loss of seven commissionaire jobs, and the plan to eliminate job sharing, which puts an additional 10 positions on the line. The protesters handed out leaflets and candy canes to travellers at the entrances.**

**News in brief**

### Two men face drug charges

**BUSTED.** Two Halifax men will appear in provincial court at a later date on drug trafficking charges.

Halifax Regional Police say the two men, aged 41 and 44, were arrested after a traffic stop at 1 p.m. on Wednesday in the Herring Cove Road and Circle Drive area.

After the arrests, police say a search resulted in a quantity of marijuana being seized.

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### Attempted murder charge withdrawn

**REMANDED.** Attempted murder charges against a Durham, Pictou Co. woman have been reduced to aggravated assault.

Deborah Belle Littler-Parsons, 50, cried Thursday during an appearance in New Glasgow provincial court as she heard Crown attorney Jody McNeill withdraw the attempted murder charge.

She is accused of using a knife to stab a male victim in Durham shortly after midnight on New Year's Day.

Littler-Parsons was remanded into custody for a 30-day mental health assessment at the East Coast Forensic Hospital.

She is due back in court Feb. 3. **NEW GLASGOW NEWS**

# Freed from jail to share a kidney

GETTY IMAGES



▶ Jamie, left, and Gladys Scott going home to Florida.

Two imprisoned sisters who have pledged to share a kidney were to be freed Friday as part of a deal to suspend their life sentences for armed robbery.

Jamie and Gladys Scott are set to be released from a state prison just east of Jackson, Miss.

They plan to head to Pensacola, Fla., where their mother and children live, said corrections commissioner Chris Epps.

Gladys Scott's release order requires her to donate a kidney to her sister, who is suffering from kidney failure and requires dialysis.

The two women have been held in different parts of the Central Mississippi Correctional Facility in Pearl for the past few years, and it's unlikely they had much interaction in the sprawling complex.

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**New York.** Reunion



▶ Hi Mom: Ted Williams, 53, meets his mother Julia, 90.

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## Golden voice, golden day

**Just days ago, Ted Williams was living in a tent near an Ohio highway. Thursday he was in New York for an emotional reunion with his 90-year-old mother. The panhandler and ex-radio announcer's life changed when he was spotted holding a sign extolling his velvety voice and asking for help. NBA's Cleveland Cavaliers offered him announcing work and other job offers have flooded in.**

# Man admits to murder, stuffing bodies in tree

An unemployed tree-cutter told a court Thursday he killed three people, stuffed their bodies in a hollow tree and raped a 13-year-old girl.

Matthew Hoffman, 30, pleaded guilty to aggravated murder, burglary, kidnapping and rape.

He was sentenced to life in prison without possibility for parole.

"This is so sickening, Matthew, to know you even had the guts to do this," the girl said in a statement read in the Ohio court.

An indictment alleged Hoffman killed Tina Herrmann; her 11-year-old son, Kody Maynard; and neighbour Stephanie Sprang while stealing from Herrmann's home Nov. 10.

He also was charged with kidnapping the teen and raping her at his home in Mount Vernon. She was found bound and gagged in his basement.

"This has changed my whole life," the girl said.

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# Mudslide kills couple, two kids

A couple and their two young daughters died in a mudslide in Sao Paulo state, Brazilian authorities say.

The deaths bring the death toll from heavy flooding to at least 35.

More than 30,000 people across the country have been forced out of their homes.

Heavy rains have been pummelling Sao Paulo, Rio de Janeiro and Espirito Santo states since Christmas.

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**16** The worst-hit state is Minas Gerais, where officials said 16 people either drowned or were buried in mudslides.

# John Edwards not named in wife's will

The will Elizabeth Edwards signed days before her death last month made no mention of her estranged husband and two-time presidential candidate John Edwards.

The document Elizabeth Edwards signed Dec. 1, six days before her death, also named her eldest child, lawyer Cate Edwards, as the executor of her estate.

In the will, filed in Orange County Superior Court in North Carolina, Edwards left personal effects, furniture, automobiles and other property to be divided among her children — Cate, 12-year-old Emma Claire and 10-year-old Jack.

Other documents valued Elizabeth Edwards' estate at $496,000 US in cash, securities, household furnishings, vehicles and ownership in businesses. She also owned real estate worth an additional $1 million, and she controlled a trust that may hold more assets that do not have to be disclosed in court.

A death certificate said she died from the incurable breast cancer that returned in 2007 as John Edwards campaigned for the presidency.

The cancer was first diagnosed in 2004, a day after the Democratic ticket that included John Edwards as the vice-presidential candidate lost to George W. Bush.

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▶ John Edwards and his wife Elizabeth in this March 22, 2007 file photo.

The Edwardses had several tumultuous years leading up to her death, struggling through his admission of an affair and eventual acknowledgment that he'd fathered a child with his mistress in the middle of his 2008 presidential campaign.

Elizabeth Edwards said she worked for two years trying to reinvent her role as a spouse before making the difficult decision to separate from him.

The Edwardses were law school sweethearts who married just days after they took the bar exam together in the summer of 1977.

They had four children together, including a son who died at age 16.

Although the couple had separated, John Edwards was at her side around the clock as her health deteriorated.

He did not speak at her funeral.

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**Marriage**

**John and Elizabeth Edwards separated early last year after 32 years of marriage.**

▶ **Infidelity** John Edwards admitted he fathered a child during an affair with a former campaign worker.

# Police warn of credit card fraud

The RCMP is warning of a sophisticated credit card scam that's spreading across the country and involves people being asked to hand over their security information to fraudsters.

An officer with the commercial crime section in St. John's, N.L., said Thursday that several people have contacted police in the province to report suspicious calls from supposed credit card agents. The caller is looking for the three-digit security number on the back of their MasterCard or Visa that would allow them to make purchases with the card.

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# Peter Kent aims to push PM's agenda

New Environment Minister Peter Kent says his job is to sell the Harper government's environment agenda, not change it. The Tories face criticism over a lack of action on key issues like climate change and the Alberta oilsands.

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▶ New environment minister aims to sell Tory green policy, not change it.

# Woman files prison sex lawsuit

A German woman has filed a lawsuit against a private company and some of its employees who ran a former womens prison, saying she was forced to trade sex to call her ill mother.

The suit filed Wednesday in Louisville, Ky., is the latest in a series of sexual assault cases out of the Otter Creek Correctional Complex in Wheelwright. Kentucky Gov. Steve Beshear ordered all the female prisoners removed from the facility a year ago when a scandal involving corrections officers and inmates reached its height.

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# Teens' 'code of silence' stalls probe?

## Two more charged after alleged gang rape at a B.C. rave party

Police say a "code of silence" among teens may be preventing them from laying more charges in what they believe may have been a gang rape of a 16-year-old girl at a B.C. rave party last fall.

Police announced charges Thursday against two more men in the alleged September sexual assault, but said they can't pry enough evidence out of the teenage witnesses for more charges.

The case shocked police and the public when just hours after the incident photos and video of the alleged attack in the Vancouver suburb of Pitt Meadows had been posted on social media websites including Facebook.

**"We can't force people to talk to us, whether they're a group of teenagers or whether they're the most hardened criminal."**
**SGT. PETER THIESSEN**

Colton Ashton McMorris, 18, of Maple Ridge has now been charged with sexual assault and Dennis John Allen Warrington, 19, of Langley has been charged with production and distribution of child pornography.

Meanwhile, the girl says she has had to leave school because of bullying.
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**India.** Breathing easy



▶ Pot is no pipe dream for this Hindu holy man.

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## Holy smoke

**A Hindu holy man takes a puff of pot at a transit camp in Calcutta, India, on Thursday. His next stop is an annual holy dip with pilgrims at the confluence of the Ganges and the Bay of Bengal.**

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# Microsoft not crashing Apple's pad

## New tablets expected from Motorola, Dell and Toshiba, but not from Microsoft

Instead of unveiling an elegant response to the iPad, Microsoft came to the tech industry's premier gadget show with a collection of exposed computer guts, news about microchips and a shallow preview of yet another Windows.

The uninspiring performance served as a reminder that the world's largest software maker remains years from a serious entry into the tablet craze, raising more doubts about whether Microsoft will ever be able to grab a meaningful piece of this fast-growing segment.

### Apps for Mac

**Apple is expanding the "app store" idea that caught fire on the iPhone and iPad to its line of Mac computers.**

- Mac users who have the latest version of Apple's computer operating system, called Snow Leopard, will be prompted to update their software starting Thursday.

CEO Steve Ballmer mostly lingered on what went right last year when he gave the company's customary keynote on the eve of the International Consumer Electronics Show on Wednesday. He had his share to boast about. Xbox 360 and the Kinect motion-sensing controller that's racked up more than $1 billion in sales in just two months, a ground-up overhaul of the Windows smart-phone software and rapid adoption of Windows 7 on PCs are all real successes.

Still, it's hard for anyone to applaud Microsoft without noting the threats posed by the growing popularity of Apple Inc.'s iPad.

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▶ Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer gives his keynote speech for the Consumer Electronics Show.

## Economists bullish despite new poll

Cheer up, gloomy Canadians — the recession is long over and growth will continue this year, say the country's top economists, despite a survey which has found that most Canadians believe the economy is still in a downward spiral.

**38 The Economic Club and Pollara poll found that only about 38 per cent of respondents feel the Canadian economy will improve in the next few months.**

The chief economists of Canada's big five banks gave their predictions for moderate Canadian growth Thursday at a panel discussion sponsored by the Economic Club of Canada.

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▶ Megan Leslie

# 5 MINUTES WITH: MEGAN LESLIE

**Halifax MP and NDP health critic Megan Leslie took time from French lessons in Sainte-Jean-sur-Richileu, Que., on Thursday to talk with Metro about the year to come. This includes in Ottawa, in Halifax, co-operation across party lines and, of course, the popular Canada Games skating oval on the Halifax Common.**

**Here's the standard January question for politicians: What can we look forward to this year in Ottawa, and how will it affect people in your province?**
If you look at what Canadians are saying, they're saying the economy and health are the most important issues for them. So I'm hoping that we'll see something coming out of Ottawa regarding both those things ... particularly worrisome for me is the fact that in 2014 the accord under the Canada Health Act is up for renegotiation. Most Canadians, most of your readers, probably don't know that because nobody is talking about it ... So we've been trying to push (the government) on that. There will be a budget, obviously, so I think this is a really great opportunity for Stephen Harper to bring forward a plan that shows that he'll work with other parties, that he'll work with other parliamentarians to try to make Parliament work. I live in eternal hope.

**"It was really lovely to see everybody coming together as a community."**

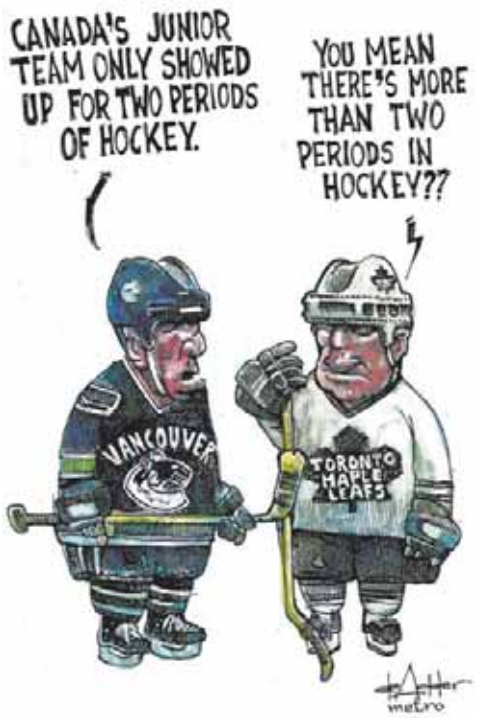
**What about Halifax in 2011? What are you paying attention to?**
There are so many municipal issues that are front and centre right now — (but they're) municipal. Like the oval. I love the oval!

**What do you love about the oval?**
It was incredible over the holidays to go down to the Common and see people streaming onto the Common ... It was really lovely to see everybody coming together as a community, and it really got a good discussion going in our community about the kind of city we want. And it got a good discussion going in Halifax about communal projects. And this is a good thing.

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# An emotional turnoff

## Worth mentioning

If a crying woman's red nose isn't a big enough turnoff to a man, a surprising experiment found another reason: Tears of sadness may temporarily lower his testosterone level.

Those tears send a chemical signal as the man gets close enough to sniff them — even though there's no discernible odour, say researchers from Israel's Weizmann Institute of Science.

It's the first such signal to be found in tears, and it's probably not unique to women. Theirs just were the first to be studied.

"It's hard to get men to volunteer to cry" in a lab, noted Weizmann neurobiologist Noam Sobel, senior author of the study appearing in Friday's edition of the journal Science.

Emotional tears are chemically different from the reflex tears that form when you get dust in your eye. But biologists have long puzzled over the true function of emotional tears: Are they merely cathartic, or do they have some other physiological role?

"We have never looked at tears in this way before," said Dr. Esen Akpek of Johns Hopkins University's Wilmer Eye Institute, who wasn't involved with the new study. "This is really interesting." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Waterworks

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### What's your view of the Canadian junior team's loss?

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# Metro Minute with university hockey

Ask around and many will tell you the best hockey in town comes at the university level.

If you love hockey, why not make it your New Year's resolution to get out and support one of the two teams in HRM — the Saint Mary's Huskies or Dalhousie Tigers.

Saint Mary's is the reigning national champions and is home Friday against the Moncton Aigles Bleu and Saturday against the St. Thomas Tommies. Both games take place at the Halifax Forum at 7 p.m.

The Tigers play out of the Dalhousie Memorial Arena and are back on home ice next Friday against Saint Mary's.

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**Jermine Esenu**
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▶ Gwyneth Paltrow and Tim McGraw star in Country Strong.

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# Not strong enough

**Richard Crouse and Mark Breslin debate the merits of Country Strong**
**Paltrow gets bogged down with a necklace, while Hedlund steals the show**

**Richard Crouse:** The first line of Country Strong's catchiest song, Give Into Me, is "I'm gonna wear you down," and sure enough the movie did wear me down in the last 30 minutes. For the first hour or so I thought the film had as much authentic country spirit as a Muzak version of a Hank Williams song, but it finally won me over.

**Mark Breslin:** Really? It never won me over, it just got worse as it ambled from cliché to cliché. Did we really need a remake of Crazy Heart? Although I must admit that Gwyneth looks better in a short skirt than Jeff Bridges ever could.

**RC**: I admit the script is thick enough with clichés to choke Roy Rogers's horse and it has the blandest direction this side of Hee Haw, but I was won over by Garrett Hedlund. He walks away with the movie, stealing it outright from Gwyneth Paltrow, who can't be down home no matter how hard she tries.

**MB:** You're right about Hedlund. And I actually didn't mind Tim McGraw. But it's Gwyneth's movie to win or lose, and she's horribly miscast. Why not Faith Hill? Or get a Judd — any Judd. By the way, what kind of rehab facility lets you wear a half million dollars of bling as you kick alcohol?

**RC:** That necklace bugged me too! I get not taking off the giant wedding ring, but no matter what she was doing — throwing up in a garbage can, staggering around backstage — I was distracted by the glitter around her neck. She has a couple of moments though — a nice scene with a Make-A-Wish child and a drunken backseat conversation with Chiles — but the character is so thinly written there's very little for her or the audience to hang onto.

**MB**: Sorry, but I found that the scene with "Leukemia Kid" was the most exploitative part of the movie. I did like her advice scene with her young rival, which played out quite realistically for me. But the script was so full of inadvertent howlers that the flick will do for country music what Showgirls did for lap dancing.

**RC:** It is manipulative, too long and while I liked it more than you, I thought that despite its downbeat subject matter — the flipside of fame, alcoholism and jilted love — it wasn't quite authentically hurtin' enough to qualify as real country.

### Plot synopsis

In Country Strong Gwyneth Paltrow plays Kelly Canter, a troubled country music superstar whose husband (Tim McGraw) pulls her out of rehab to plot her comeback tour. While getting clean she befriends orderly Beau (Tron: Legacy's Garrett Hedlund) who also, conveniently, happens to be a musician. Beau ends up sharing the tour's opening slot with beauty-queen-turned-singer Chiles Stanton (Gossip Girl's Leighton Meester), and all four end up sharing more than just music and road stories.

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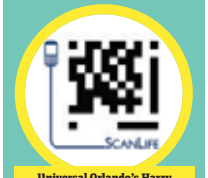
De Niro will head the jury at this year's Cannes Film Festival.

The veteran American actor and director will lead a nine-member jury for the May 11 to 22 festival on the French Riviera.

De Niro's charisma may provide a Hollywood boost to Cannes. Last year's event was lighter than usual on star power and featured a line-up that left many critics unimpressed.

The Thai film Uncle Boonmee Who Can Recall His Past Lives won the top honour at the 2010 festival.

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# On-screen intimacy ‘just happened’

## Ryan Gosling and co-star Michelle Williams heat up the screen in Blue Valentine ◗ Drama has garnered much acclaim from critics

### Oscar worthy?

- Ryan Gosling and Michelle Williams recently landed Golden Globe nominations, and many are also predicting Oscar nods for their roles in Blue Valentine.
- Gosling plays Dean, the sweet, sensitive and unambitious house-painter husband to Cindy (Williams), a stressed-out nurse who wants more out of life. Faith Wladyka plays their young daughter, Frankie.
- Through flashbacks and flash forwards, we see the couple in two stages: during a charming courtship and then several years later when they’re frustrated, fighting parents.

In the marital drama Blue Valentine, which opens in Toronto on Friday, Ryan Gosling and Michelle Williams bring an astoundingly authentic feel to their characters as they fall in and out of love.

Their on-screen chemistry is so raw that — even though their sex scenes aren’t that explicit — the Motion Picture Association of America initially put an NC-17 rating on the film.

It recently downgraded that to an R rating on appeal (in Ontario the rating is 18A, in B.C. and Saskatchewan it’s 14A and in Quebec it’s 13+).

Gosling, who was born in London, Ont., says he and Williams studied pictures of real couples to help build their characters’ bond, but they didn’t overthink their physical intimacy going in to filming.

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**Writer-director Derek Cianfrance spent 12 years working on Blue Valentine, which was inspired by his longing to understand how time can change relationships. “I feel like it was always the film that I was born to make,” said Cianfrance, who lives in Brooklyn, N.Y.**

“The physical stuff, it just happened, I don’t really know how,” he explained in an interview at September’s Toronto International Film Festival, where Blue Valentine screened to much acclaim.

“It’s a love story, you know, and physical intimacy is a part of that and we were trying to capture that in a way that was not gratuitous or trying too hard to be sexy or something.

“We collected a lot of photographs, actually, photographs that we thought were snapshots of people’s lives, of couples that were together that weren’t staged, that were just private photographs of people that were trying to get that kind of an intimacy.”

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# Plenty of old school mayhem

**Season of the Witch**
**Genre:** Adventure/Fantasy
**Director:** Dominic Sena
**Stars:** Nicolas Cage, Ron Perlman, Claire Foy
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The only thing that's missing from director Dominic Sena's offbeat medieval shocker Season of the Witch is the old Hammer Films logo at the header because this is exactly the sort of fever-pitched, melodramatic pulp the famed U.K. studio once excelled at. Throughout the 1960's, Hammer unleashed a glorious torrent of trashy gothic potboilers into international theatres, movies with blood, hammy acting, action, supernatural hokum and cheap thrills aplenty.

Season stars Cage and ever-cool B-movie savior Ron Perlman (Hellboy) as jaded wandering knights fallen from grace with the church, who are nonetheless conscripted by a plague ridden cardinal (Christopher Lee) to transport a suspected witch (Claire Foy) to a monastery for an exorcism. Seems this waif has been thought by the clergy to be a sort of satanic patient zero who brings pestilence to all she passes. Along the way, weird things begin to happen, Cage overacts and rages with his usual aplomb, demon wolves eat people and the future of mankind hangs in the balance. And everyone keeps a refreshingly straight face.

Comparisons to Christopher Smith's Black Death are obvious, but while that picture is a far artier and serious thriller, the briskly paced, never dull Season is only aiming to be a genre romp, one filled with blood, derring-do, swordplay, simple morality and an admittedly awesome climatic monster battle. Snootier cinema journos will no doubt thumb their nose at this film, but this easier to please critic is smiling at the notion of such an unpretentious slice of old school mayhem unspooling at the local multiplex. ● CHRIS ALEXANDER



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# Showtime's shame(less)

**Network's new drama Shameless is about a family with real struggles, based on British series State of Play**

JORDIN ALTHAUS/AP PHOTO/SHOWTIME



▶ Emmy Rossum portrays Fiona Gallagher, right, and Justin Chatwin portrays Steve in the Showtime original series, Shameless.

The new Showtime drama Shameless overflows with its boozy, heedless father and the six unsinkable kids who care for him and one another.

William H. Macy (Fargo, Door to Door) plays the shiftless grifter dad. As Frank, he is abrasive, self-absorbed, manipulative and delusional.

"I'm the father, teacher, mentor, captain of our little ship," Frank rants to the family in an early scene, reminding them of what he deems "the most important thing in this life: partying."

In more ways than one, Frank is blind drunk.

But the family sticks together and gets by with pluck, defiance and no apologies — that is, no shame. Not even shame from the children for their father, whom they often have to step across, passed out on the floor.

"It's not like they forgive him for his behaviour," says Emmy Rossum, who plays Fiona, the oldest of the brood. "They just hope that, one day, he will get better."

In the absence of a real mother, Fiona is the family's surrogate mom. Think: Wendy, if Neverland were a tumble-down row house in blue-collar Chicago, with Peter Pan relying on alcohol and chemicals to fly.

Shameless, which premieres Sunday at 10 p.m. EST, is based on the British series of the same name created by Paul Abbott (State of Play). It's a potent cocktail — outrageous, heartbreaking and heartbreakingly funny.

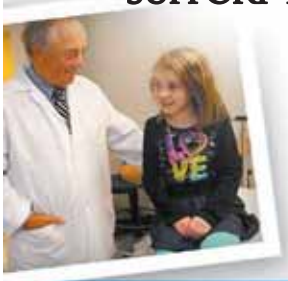
It may also be the first TV series whose opening title sequence focuses, unflinching, on the household's highly trafficked bathroom.

"It's easier to identify with a family that has real struggles, be it financial or emotional or whatever, than a show that glamourizes what life is like in this country right now," Rossum says. "A lot of shows on TV are escapist in that way, but I think ours is definitely different and grittier, with the humour coming out of real situations. I think that's what will be relatable to people."

The diverse offspring (do any of these siblings share the same mother?) range from a dark-skinned toddler to the 20-ish Fiona, played by Rossum with poignancy and fire.

She has won high praise from her co-star who plays the series' pickled patriarch. "Really, the heart and soul of the thing is Emmy Rossum," Macy says. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS


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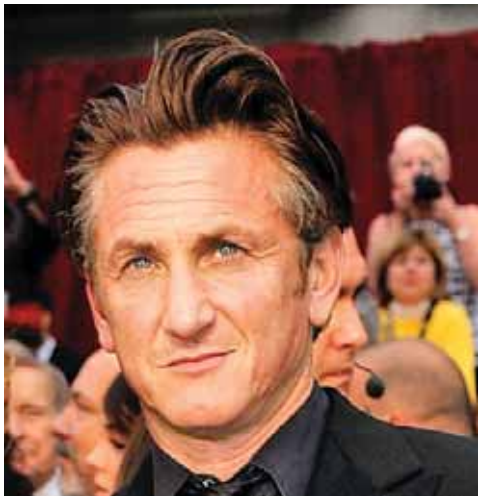
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# Wright's love did cost a thing: Penn

**Actor Sean Penn confesses that divorce hasn't been easy on his wallet**

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▶ Robin Wright and Sean Penn (above) ended their 14-year marriage last year.

While he's usually tight-lipped about personal issues, Sean Penn let slip to the Hollywood Reporter that his recent divorce from Robin Wright wasn't cheap.

"I got practical issues," he said when asked about making new movies versus doing charity work. "I had just got taken for one half of everything I had in the divorce, so it's not like I don't have to work."

Penn added that the hardest part of the split has been the change in his relationship with his children. "A much more profound change in life for me personally was not being able to raise my son in a whole family..." Penn said. METRO

## Talking points

### Suri's got some style

**PEOPLE** Katie Holmes admits that daughter Suri Cruise is becoming quite the little fashionista. "The other day ... she said, 'I want to go there,' pointing at another store quite a distance away," Katie says. "In that store was the dress that she wanted. I said, 'Wow, Suri. You're something. You picked that out from a football field away. METRO

### Three's a crowd for Aguilera

**PEOPLE** Christina Aguilera's home has been an awkward place, as soon-to-be ex-husband Jordan Bratman is reportedly just moving out now, according to TMZ. That means Bratman, Aguilera and Aguilera's new boyfriend, Matthew Rutler, have all been living under the same roof, according sources. "Thank God Jordan is moving out," a source says. "It was getting really awkward, but Christina was letting Jordan stay for the sake of Max." METRO




## Celebrity tweets



**Steve Martin [@SteveMartintogo]** It seems that Americans say Hokey-Pokey, and Brits say Hokey-Cokey. Hence, revolutionary war.



**Kristen Bell [@IMKristenBell]** don't take anything personally. AND if it doesn't matter in 5 years... It doesn't matter!



**Christina Applegate [1capplegate]** No longer in my pregnancy do I just "go" somewhere. I "schlep" there. Its a constant Schlep. But its all good.



**Conan O'Brien [@ConanOBrien]** I forgot to bring a beard trimmer on vacation and my mustache is growing into my mouth. It is not unpleasant. METRO

## Mix of Six

### Theatre

**Wizard of Oz**
When: Through Sunday
Where: Neptune Theatre's Fountain Hall
Neptune Theatre's holiday show is down to its final performances with the 1939 musical version of this popular story for all ages. For tickets and show times, visit neptunetheatre.com.

### Sports

**Halifax Mooseheads**
When: Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m.
Where: Halifax Metro Centre
The Herd is looking to make the most of these back-to-back home games, with the rival Moncton Wildcats coming in first followed by the high-powered Saint John Sea Dogs. Adult tickets cost $15.75.

### Skating

**Skate the Common Maration**
When: Saturday and Sunday
Where: Canada Games Skating Oval, North Common
Take to the ice as there are plenty of races to choose from. There will also be demonstrations and outdoor activities for the entire family. The races begin Saturday at 10 a.m. and last until 10 p.m. on Sunday.

### Sports

When: Sunday, 3 p.m.
Where: Halifax Metro Centre
The Rainmen won its home opener last weekend against Vermont before over 3,000 fans and are hoping for another strong performance and turnout this weekend as the Lawton-Fort Sill Cavalry pay a visit. Adult tickets cost $19.75.

### Comedy

**Yuk Yuk's presents Mark Walker**
When: Friday, 8:30 p.m. and Saturday, 8 and 10:30 p.m.
Where: Westin Nova Scotia
There should be no shortage of laughs as this Truro native performs with what is described as an incredible ability to combine razor sharp comedy with a dazzling array of celebrity impressions. Adult tickets are $18.

### Festival

**Open Waters Festival**
When: Through Saturday
Where: Sir James Dunn Theatre
This three-day event opened Thursday and is a celebration of fine art by showcasing contemporary Atlantic Canadian works of contemporary classical and jazz genres. Visit jazzeast.com for complete details.

# A colourful and flavourful vegan stew — imagine that

**Meatless cuisine had a bad rap as lacking, until this Mediterranean meal came along**

Vegan food has a bad reputation among meat eaters.

It's typically portrayed as bland or somehow lacking bold flavours.

However, this stew is anything but. It is flavourful and colourful.

### Preparation:

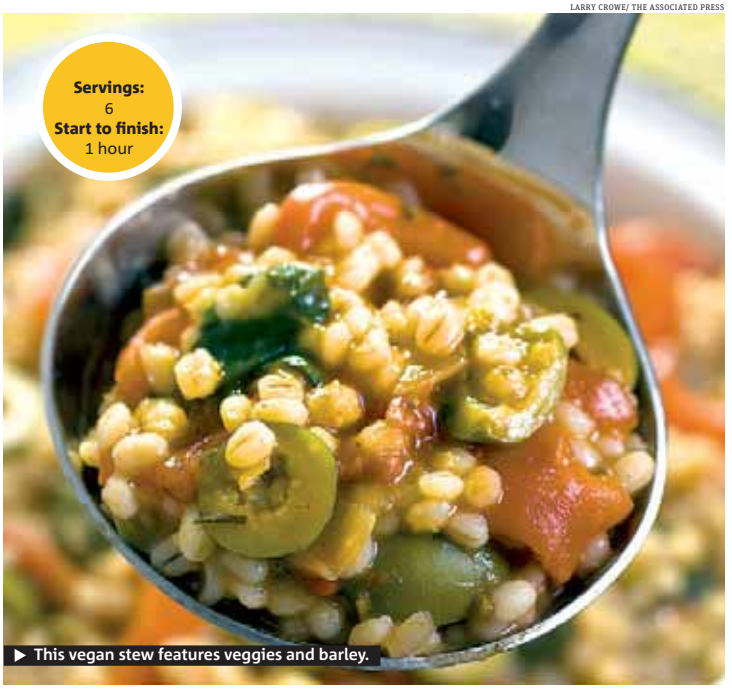
1. In a large saucepan over medium, heat the olive oil. Add the garlic, shallots and onions and saute until soft and translucent, about 6 to 7 minutes.
2. Add tomatoes, broth, rosemary and barley, bring to a simmer. Cover and continue to cook until barley is tender, about 50 minutes, stirring occasionally to prevent sticking.
3. Stir in the roasted red peppers, baby spinach, olives and water. Cook until the spinach is wilted, about 2 minutes. Season with salt and black pepper.

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### Ingredients:

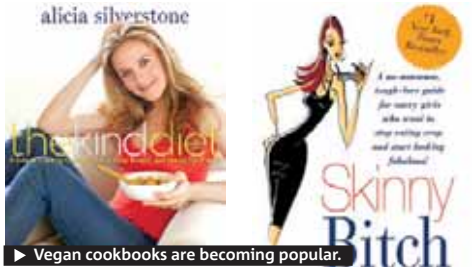
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) olive oil
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 shallots, finely chopped
- 2 yellow onions, diced
- 796-ml (28-ounce) can chopped tomatoes, preferably fire-roasted
- 1 litre (4 cups) vegetable broth
- 2 sprigs fresh rosemary, minced
- 375 ml (1 1/2 cups) pearl barley
- 341-ml (12-oz) jar roasted red peppers, drained and cut into strips
- 140 g (5 oz) fresh baby spinach
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) castelvetrano olives, pitted and sliced
- 250 ml (1 cup) water
- Salt and ground black pepper, to taste

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▶ This vegan stew features veggies and barley.

# Veganism goes mainstream




▶ Vegan cookbooks are becoming popular.




You've come a long way, vegan.

Once mocked as a fringe diet for sandal-wearing health food store workers, veganism is moving from marginal to mainstream.

The vegan Skinny Bitch diet books are bestsellers, vegan staples, such as tempeh and tofu, can be purchased at any supermarket, and some chain restaurants eagerly promote their plant-only menu items.

Today's vegans are urban hipsters, suburban moms, college students and even athletes.

"It's definitely more diverse. It's not what you would picture 20 years ago, which is kind of hippie, crunchy," said Isa Chandra Moskowitz, author of vegan cookbooks like the new Appetite for Reduction.

She says it's easier being a vegan now because there is more local produce.

Veganism is essentially hard-core vegetarianism. While a vegetarian might butter her bagel or eat a cake made with eggs, vegans shun all animal products: No meat, no cheese, no eggs, no honey, no mayonnaise.

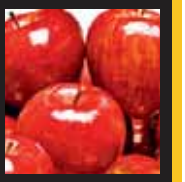
In a 2009 survey, advocates at the not-for-profit Vegetarian Resource Group reported about one per cent of Americans are vegan, roughly a third of those who are vegetarians.

Actress Alicia Silverstone added a dose of star power to the vegan cause recently with The Kind Diet, a No. 1 bestseller.

Meanwhile, Bill Clinton, known for his burger-loving ways, has credited his trim build at his daughter Chelsea's wedding this summer to a "plant-based diet". THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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### Fresh food tips



Sue Mah, a registered dietitian, has a few tips to help you keep your groceries fresh for longer.

- Keep apples in the fridge in a perforated plastic bag. Apples left at room temperature will soften 10 times faster.
- Keep milk and eggs in the coldest part of the fridge, not on the door.
- Store raw meat on the bottom shelf of the fridge.

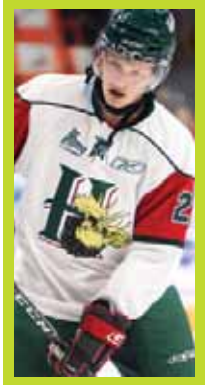
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**More sports**



**Halifax Mooseheads forward Gabriel Desjardins is back on the ice from a knee injury, but he isn't expected to play at the Metro Centre on Friday against the Moncton Wildcats or Saturday against the Saint John Sea Dogs. The Mooseheads have also sent affiliate call-ups Josh Desmond, Luke Warner, Andrew Wigginton and Justin Belanger back to their junior A teams, with five regulars, including Martin Frk, back from international tournaments.**

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▶ Goaltender Mathieu Corbeil, who was traded on Thursday, does the splits to make a save during a game with the Halifax Mooseheads.

# Pushing it to the brink

## Piche, Goulet give Mooseheads new faces for Friday and Saturday home games ◐ Corbeil, Bishop sent away as Russell stockpiles for 2011-12 drafts



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**"There are a lot of conversations that take place and usually that's followed up by a lot of panic at the end."**
CAM RUSSELL, HALIFAX MOOSEHEADS GM

Cam Russell waited until the last possible hour, but the Halifax Mooseheads general manager finished the QMJHL trade period with a flurry of activity.

After spending the better part of three weeks draining his cellphone battery to no avail, Russell pulled off three final-hour trades on Thursday to set the Mooseheads up for the stretch run.

"It's been a busy trade period overall," Russell said afterward. "There are a lot of conversations that take place and usually that's followed up by a lot of panic at the end."

The biggest move saw 19-year-old goaltender Mathieu Corbeil dealt to the first-place and nationally top-ranked Saint John Sea Dogs for another 19-year-old stopper, Frederic Piche, and a 2012 third-round pick.

Corbeil had appeared in 99 games with the Mooseheads over three seasons but was inconsistent. The Columbus Blue Jackets' fourth-rounder has some of the league's worst stats, with a 7-15-0-1 record, a 3.76 goals-against average and a .867 save percentage.

Piche's stats (14-2, 2.56, .910) are noticeably better, albeit with a better team.

"Corbeil was just at a point where it wasn't working out at all for him here in Halifax and he had to go … for his benefit," Russell said.

The steady development of 17-year-old rookie Anthony Terenzio — 6-2-1 in his past nine starts for the Herd — facilitated the move.

"Terenzio has played better, he was the guy who was going to be getting the ice time going into the stretch … and we knew we had to move Mathieu," Russell said.

Russell said Piche is a "good, solid goaltender."

The Mooseheads made minor adjustments on defence, sending 17-year-old Jamie Bishop to Rimouski and acquiring 18-year-old Anthony Goulet from Victoriaville in separate draft-pick swaps.

Bishop wasn't happy with his role in Halifax and Goulet, a "solid defensive defenceman," helps shore up their depth.

Overall, the Mooseheads didn't sacrifice many assets and have 15 picks in the top five rounds of the 2011 and 2012 drafts.

"Our young guys are scoring lots of goals right now and while you can't count on 17-year-olds to win championships for you, the future does look very good," Russell said.

**Moving Moose**



▶Frederic Piche

The Halifax Mooseheads made the following moves during the QMJHL trade period.

- Traded G **Mathieu Corbeil** (19) to Saint John for G **Frederic Piche** (19) and a 2012 third-round pick
- Traded D **Jamie Bishop** (17) to Rimouski for a 2012 third-round pick.
- Traded 2012 fourth-round pick to Victoriaville for D **Anthony Goulet** (18).
- Traded RW **Alex Lemieux** (18) to Montreal for a 2012 third-round pick.

## GM won't part with top picks to add offence

The Halifax Mooseheads entered the trade period seeking veteran scoring punch and exited it disgusted at the asking price.

The Mooseheads made four moves during the trade period but will finish the season with the same forward corps as they started it with, minus 18-year-old Alex Lemieux.

"It's ridiculous what some of the teams are asking for right now," said Mooseheads general manager Cam Russell.

Russell said many of his colleagues "couldn't fathom" the high price tag for proven talent in trades for Philip-Michael Devos, Pier-Antoine Dion and Alexandre Beauregard.

The Mooseheads' top 2011 draft pick — currently slotted at fourth overall — was Russell's most sought after asset.

"If it's going to cost us a first-round pick to acquire a Dion, we're not about to (do that)," Russell said.

The Mooseheads will look to upgrade their top-line talent at the draft in June, when teams with a surplus of 2010-11 19-year-olds need to clear over-age room for 2011-12.

"We'll build our team through the draft and tweak it with the occasional trade, but we're not going to set ourselves back by trading our youth or trading our first-round picks," Russell said.

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*For a full Q&A with Cam Russell, visit Matthew Wuest's blog at metronews.ca/qfiles.*



▶ Pier-Antoine Dion

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▶ Brent Johnson leaps to avoid Mike Cammalleri on Thursday.

# Crosby misses loss to Habs

NHL scoring leader Sidney Crosby missed the Pittsburgh Penguins' game against the Montreal Canadiens on Thursday night due to injury. The Canadiens beat the Penguins 2-1.

Crosby leads the NHL in points (66) and goals (32) and returned to Pittsburgh on Thursday to be re-evaluated by Penguins' doctors.

Crosby was injured Wednesday night in an 8-1 home win over the Tampa Bay Lightning.

A Penguins official said Crosby is day-to-day.

Crosby played in Pittsburgh's first 41 games before missing the contest Thursday night. He has just one point — an assist against Tampa Bay — in three games since posting a 25-game point streak.

Forward Matt Cooke also didn't play against Montreal.

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# Rainmen beat Kebs to improve to 2-0

The Halifax Rainmen stayed unbeaten with a win on the road against the Quebec Kebs on Thursday.

The Rainmen improved to 2-0 early in the Premier Basketball League season with a 106-98 triumph over the Kebs, riding a balanced attack that featured seven players hitting double figures.

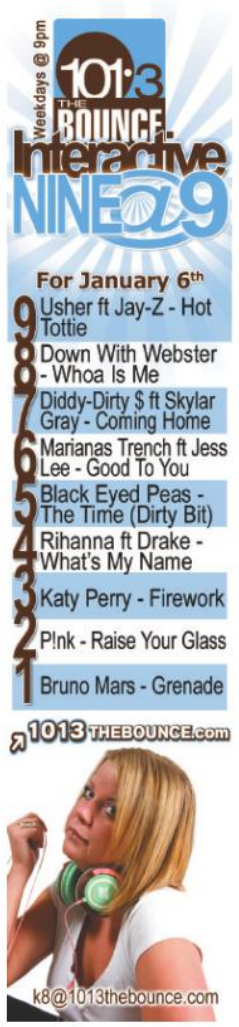
Forward Kavon Jones posted a game-high 19 points and guard Mike Mercer chipped in with 17, while Taliek Brown and Marshall Brown added 14 apiece.

Eric Crookshank had a double-double with 13 points and 16 rebounds and Josh Dollard and Desmond Ferguson rounded out the attack with 11 points each.

The Rainmen were up 51-48 at halftime but pulled away with a 34-22 third quarter.

The Rainmen are back in action on Sunday at 3 p.m. against the Lawton-Fort Sill Cavalry (1-0). The Cavalry knocked the Rainmen out in the semifinals last year and went on to win the PBL title.

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# Packer defence focused on Vick

## Woodson, Matthews to be aggressive against dynamic Offence ◐ Eagles' QB looks to continue resurgent season

With his arm, his feet or his creativity, Michael Vick has embarrassed defenders all season. Unless they can limit Vick and his big-play teammates, Sunday could be a long day for Charles Woodson, Clay Matthews and the Green Bay Packers.

Vick wasn't the starter in the Eagles' season-opening 27-20 loss to Green Bay.

But the Packers knocked out Kevin Kolb with a concussion, Vick came on and played well in the second half.

Except for injuries, Vick has been the starter since — and more spectacular than ever.

So Woodson, last season's AP Defensive Player of the Year, and Matthews, one of the favourites for this season's award, are squarely in the spotlight for the game that caps the wild card weekend.

"We know what we're up against," Woodson said. "We know the dynamic that Vick is, so he's a very big part of what they're doing right now, and he makes a lot of big plays with his feet. We've got to make sure we stay aggressive and make sure we do our job on the back end. Aggressiveness, that's the way we like to play."

It's the way Eagles coach Andy Reid expects the Packers to play, particularly cornerback Woodson and linebacker Matthews, who Philadelphia's blockers must locate on every play.

"I'll tell you what, he's a great player and he has a great motor, loves to play the game," Reid said of Matthews. "So it's a great challenge for our offensive line, the guys blocking him, and we'll come up with a couple things for him."

Matthews has helped the Packers rank fifth in overall defence and allow 240 points; only the Steelers at 232 yielded fewer.

Elsewhere on wild card weekend, defending Super Bowl champion New Orleans is at Seattle in the opener Saturday, followed by an AFC title game rematch of the New York Jets at Indianapolis. The other Sunday game is Baltimore at Kansas City.

Off this week are AFC top seeds New England and Pittsburgh, NFC top seeds Atlanta and Chicago.

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▶ Michael Vick

ANDY LYONS/GETTY IMAGES


▶ Peyton Manning

**New York Jets (11-5) at Indianapolis (10-6)**

Two different clubs from the ones that met for the AFC title last January.

The Jets seem to have misplaced their pass rush. That could be decisive against that guy who throws the ball for Indy.

Peyton Manning has spent nine straight years leading the Colts into the playoffs, tying an NFL record.

Still, this is one of the most inconsistent teams Manning has led, although Indy won four straight to capture the AFC South, doing so with several key players sidelined.

**New Orleans (11-5) at Seattle (7-9)**

The Saints are downplaying any talk of a mismatch going into Seattle.

"We've got to play our best football, especially when you get into the post-season, and certainly we appreciate and respect any team we're playing," coach Sean Payton said.

Seattle might focus more than ever on shutting down the passing game because the Saints lost running backs Pierre Thomas and rookie Chris Ivory to injury.

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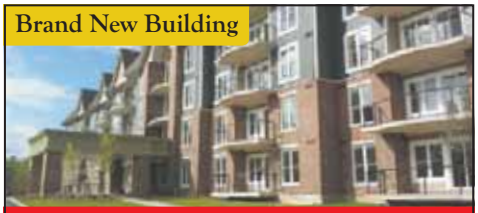
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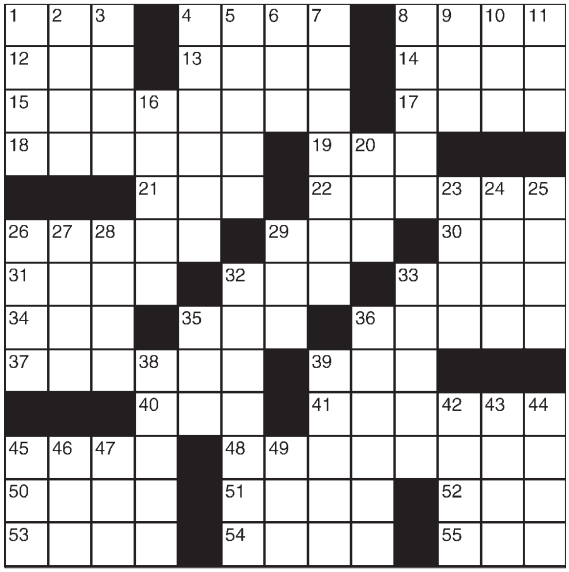
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**Across**

1 Recipe meas.
4 Chops
8 Partner of Peter and Mary
12 Overwhelm
13 Tiny bit
14 Grooving on
15 Exaggerated advertising
17 Favourable votes
18 Computer-use period
19 X rating?
21 Neither's mate
22 Big bother
26 Virago
29 Corral
30 Moray, for one
31 Pork cut
32 Tavern
33 Corporate symbol
34 Regis and Kelly's network
35 Weep
36 Feel
37 Attention-getting call
39 Sine — non
40 Suitable
41 Sans celebration
45 Lash
48 Pokey
50 Aid
51 Pennsylvania port
52 Actress Myrna
53 Unmatched
54 Landlord's due
55 B&B

**Down**

1 Forbidden (Var.)
2 Trade
3 Hide
4 Pile-up area in a barn
5 Former anesthetic
6 Court
7 Suffocate
8 Schroeder's instrument
9 Whatever number
10 Salt Lake athlete
11 Part of UCLA
16 Irish export
20 A billion years
23 Drudge
24 Stamina
25 Lotion additive
26 Dispatch
27 Vagrant
28 Puerto — occupant
29 Remuneration
32 "Whew!"
33 Draft in an apartment?
35 Police officer
36 Western event
38 Glad
39 Keystone of an arch
42 Wrinkly fruit
43 Lunchtime, maybe
44 17th-century actress Nell
45 Personal question?
46 Coop
47 Under the weather
49 Raw rock

▶ Yesterday's answer

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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Friday's answer ▶

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**♈ Aries March 21-April 20** Someone a little bit exotic will come into your life either today or over the weekend and you just might fall head over heels for them.

**♉ Taurus April 21-May 21** If you need to sort out your financial situation you have no alternative but to meet others halfway, even if it means you end up with slightly less than you think you deserve.

**♊ Gemini May 22-June 21** A relationship has been but under quite a bit of strain in recent weeks, but the good news is that love planet Venus is now very much on your side, so you can kiss and make up in no time at all. Get kissing!

**♋ Cancer June 22-July 22** Focus on what is in front of you at this moment in time and put wishful thinking behind you, at least for a while. Take care of practical matters and let the cosmic powers that be take care of your dreams.

**♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23** Venus moves into the most decisive and dynamic area of the sky today, making it easy to do something of consequence with your creative potential.

**♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22** You may have to turn down a social invitation in order to spend time with someone who needs your emotional support. They've been there for you in the past, now it's your turn to lend a hand.

**♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23** Venus, your ruler and planet of love, moves into the most open and outgoing area of your chart today, so Friday night is most definitely party night.

**♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22** You will be tempted to throw your cash around like it's just worthless bits of paper – which is not like you at all. Could it be you have discovered there is something more important than money?

**♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21** Venus, planet of emotional and material values, moves into your sign today and you will feel lighter on just about every level. Whatever has been worrying you will make you laugh.

**♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20** You're not usually the sort to fall for a sob story but someone who comes to you with a tale of woe today will get your full attention.

**♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18** Make good use of your talent for getting people with very different personalities to work together toward a common goal. Take the lead and show them how much can be achieved if, for once, you all pull in the same direction.

**♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20** Get tough with someone who is giving you a hard time. You may be a nice guy by nature but you don't have to put up with this sort of nonsense.
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5-year/100,000 km Powertrain Warranty
5-year/100,000 km Emission Warranty

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